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# **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

## **Adult Arrests**

An arrest is counted every time an adult is cited for a criminal offense or booked. More specifically:

1. It includes all adult bookings, plus
2. All adult citations which are classified as criminal non-traffic.
3. When an adult is both cited and booked, it is only counted once.

## **Cases Cleared /Clearance**

The solving of an offense by arrest, or in some circumstances, by exceptional means (the suspect died, is imprisoned on another charge, victim refuses to testify, etc.).

## **CASE CLOSURE DEFINITIONS**

### **Cleared by Arrest:**

A case can be closed by arrest when at least one suspect is positively identified and charges are recommended to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. This closure does not require physical booking into a jail or juvenile detention facility. It also does not require the charging of all suspects, if there are multiple suspects in the crime. This category includes criminal citations into district and municipal courts for misdemeanors and felony filings into Superior Court, as well as all filings into Juvenile Court.

### **Exceptional Clearance:**

A case can be closed "exceptional" if it can be established that a crime has been committed and the identity of a suspect is positively confirmed, but due to circumstances beyond our control, no charges are filed. An example of this type of closure is a case in which the victim declines to assist in prosecution. Another example is when another police agency files charges on a related crime stemming from the same incident. (Car stolen in King County, but suspect arrested out of the stolen car in Bellevue. Bellevue P.D. charges the suspect with possession of the stolen car. We close the stolen car case "exceptional.")

### **Unfounded:**

Cases are closed as "unfounded" when the investigation reveals that no crime has been committed. An example would be the report of a theft by one party that is determined to be a false report by interviewing other independent witnesses

### **Administrative Clearance:**

This clearance is used primarily to close non-criminal police investigations like found property. For instance, if a citizen finds and turns over to police a wallet. Investigation reveals who the owner of the wallet is and the item is returned to that person.

### **Inactive:**

This category is used when all investigative leads are exhausted and the case can not be closed by any of the above classifications.

## **Dispatched Calls for Service**

This includes calls received in the Communications Center which result in one or more patrol cars being dispatched.

## **Domestic Violence**

Domestic Violence is a subcategory to other crimes. Virtually any crime can be classified as domestic violence. In the State of Washington, Domestic Violence is defined as a crime of violence against the person or property of a spouse, former spouse, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who have a child in common, former/current roommates, persons who have or had a dating relationship, and persons related to the suspect by the parent-child (biological or legal) relationship. In some cases, the age of the victim or suspect may determine whether or not the legal definition above is met.

## **Part I Offenses**

This category is commonly known as the "Crime Index." Crimes include criminal homicide (which includes murder and non-negligent manslaughter; but excludes deaths by negligence, attempts to kill, suicides, accidental deaths, justifiable homicide and traffic fatalities), forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault (which excludes simple assaults), burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.

## **Violent Crimes (Part 1)**

These are a subclassification of Part I Offenses which encompass murder and non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

## **Part II Offenses**

This category includes all other crime classifications outside those defined as Part I. Crimes include other assaults (simple), forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property (buying, receiving and/or possessing), vandalism, weapons (carrying, possessing, etc.), prostitution and commercialized vice, sex offenses (except forcible rape, prostitution or commercial vice...i.e. statutory rape, indecent exposure, etc.), drug violations, gambling, offenses against the family and children, driving under the influence, liquor violations, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, etc.

## **Response Times/Priorities**

Priority X - Critical Dispatch. This category is used for those calls that pose an obvious threat to the safety of persons. Examples include shootings, stabbings and in-progress crimes such as robberies or burglaries where the possibility of a confrontation between a victim and suspect exists.

Priority 1 - Immediate Dispatch. This category is used for those calls that require immediate police action. Examples include silent alarms, injury traffic accidents, in-progress crimes or crimes that have just occurred where a suspect may still be in the immediate area.

Priority 2 - Prompt Dispatch. This category is used for those calls that could escalate to a more serious degree if not policed quickly. Examples include verbal disturbances and blocking traffic accidents.

Priority 3 - Routine Dispatch. This category is used for those calls where response time is not a critical factor. Examples include burglaries and larcenies that are not in progress, audible alarms, or other routine reports.



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## CRIME SUMMARY

	2002	2003	Percent Change	Crime Rate	Total 2003 Cases Closed
<b>Part I Offenses</b>					
Criminal Homicide	0	0	N/A	0.00	0
Forcible Rape (incl. Attempts)	8	6	-25.0%	0.40	3
Robbery	6	7	16.7%	0.47	2
Aggravated Assault	17	18	5.9%	1.21	7
Burglary, Commercial	28	34	21.4%	2.29	2
Burglary, Residential	48	75	56.3%	5.05	5
Larceny, over \$250	149	110	-26.2%	7.41	4
Larceny, under \$250	229	217	-5.2%	14.61	26
Vehicle Theft	101	89	-11.9%	5.99	10
Arson	4	13	225.0%	0.88	1
<b>Total Part I Offenses</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>	<b>38.32</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Total Part II Offenses</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>47.27</b>	<b>107</b>

### NOTE:

The crime rate is calculated on the basis of 1,000 people (i.e., number of crimes per 1,000 people). The population is 14,850.

## ACTIVITY SUMMARY

	2002	2003	Percent Change
Dispatched calls for service	3,446	3,746	8.7%
Adult charges/arrests	300	376	25.3%
Juvenile charges/arrests	108	139	28.7%
Traffic enforcement	1,618	1,890	16.8%
Officers assaulted	1	1	0.0%
Total gang-related incidents	14	6	-57.1%
Total domestic violence related incidents	103	157	52.4%
Hate crimes/malicious harassment reports	0	0	N/A

### NOTE:

The domestic violence figures on this page include everything that is related to domestic violence: case reports, citations, follow-ups, assistance rendered to other agencies, FIR's made, etc. They may differ from the figures on page 6, which refer to case reports and citations only.

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### Part One Offenses

Criminal Homicide	0
Rape	4
Child Rape	1
Attempted Rape	1
Robbery, Highway	0
Robbery, Commercial	0
Robbery, Gas Station	0
Robbery, Chain Store	2
Robbery, Residence	0
Robbery, Bank	0
Robbery, Misc.	4
Robbery, Carjack	1
Assault, Firearm *	1
Assault, Knife	4
Assault, ODW	6
Assault, Hands	7
Commercial Burglary, FE	22
Commercial Burglary, NF	8
Commercial Burglary, ATT	4
Residential Burglary, FE	29
Residential Burglary, NF	32
Residential Burglary, ATT	14
Larceny, +\$250	110
Larceny, -\$250	217
Auto Theft	85
Truck-Bus Theft	1
Other Vehicle Theft	3
Theft Boat/RV	0
Arson Confirmed	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>569</b>

### Part Two Offenses

Assault Fourth	85
Total Forgery/Fraud *	83
Stolen Property	2
Vandalism	189
Weapons Violations	8
Commercial Vice	0
Total Sexual Offenses *	9
Gambling	0
Total Family/Juvenile *	120
DWI	36
Liquor Violations	9
Disorderly Conduct	1
Kidnapping	0
Trespass	8
Opium, coke, etc.	2
Marijuana	10
Synthetic Narcotics	7
Other Narcotics	1
Hate Crimes	0
Viol. of Court Orders (Misd)	38
Viol. of Court Orders (Felony)	5
All other	89
<b>Total</b>	<b>702</b>

### NOTES:

The data on this page includes the domestic violence data listed on page 6. Page 6 refers to domestic violence data only.

\*A more detailed section of these categories is listed on page 10.

### Larceny Offenses

Auto Parts & Accessories	32
Bicycles	23
Coin Operated Machine Device	6
Non-specific Category	72
Pickpocket	0
Purse Snatch	0
Shoplifting	76
Taken from Auto	94
Taken from Building	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>327</b>

### Dispatched Calls for Service

2003	<b>3,746</b>
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### Response Times

Priority	Avg Time in Mins.
X	2.28
1	9.36
2	15.02
3	46.50



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## Domestic Violence: Part One Offenses

Criminal Homicide	0
Rape	1
Child Rape	0
Attempted Rape	0
Robbery, Highway	0
Robbery, Commercial	0
Robbery, Gas Station	0
Robbery, Chain Store	0
Robbery, Residence	0
Robbery, Bank	0
Robbery, Misc.	0
Robbery, Carjack	0
Assault, Firearm	0
Assault, Knife	1
Assault, ODW	1
Assault, Hands	5
Commercial Burglary, FE	0
Commercial Burglary, NF	0
Commercial Burglary, ATT	0
Residential Burglary, FE	0
Residential Burglary, NF	1
Residential Burglary, ATT	0
Larceny, +\$250	0
Larceny, -\$250	2
Auto Theft	1
Truck-Bus Theft	0
Other Vehicle Theft	0
Theft Boat/RV	0
Arson Confirmed	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

## Domestic Violence: Part Two Offenses

Assault Fourth	47
Total Forgery/Fraud	0
Stolen Property	0
Vandalism	7
Weapons Violations	0
Commercial Vice	0
Total Sexual Offenses	2
Gambling	0
Total Family/Juvenile	14
DWI	0
Liquor Violations	0
Disorderly Conduct	0
Kidnapping	0
Trespass	0
Opium, coke, etc.	0
Marijuana	0
Synthetic Narcotics	0
Other Narcotics	0
Hate Crimes	0
Viol. of Court Orders (Misd)	25
Viol. of Court Orders (Felony)	5
All other	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>

### NOTE:

This page is a subcategory of page 5 and only refers to domestic violence incidents that produced a case report or citation.

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## ADULT AND JUVENILE CHARGES, ARRESTS, AND CITATIONS

	Adult Felony	Adult Misdemeanor	Juvenile Felony	Juvenile Misdemeanor	Total Adults and Juveniles
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	2	0	1	0	3
Robbery	2	0	1	0	3
Aggravated Assault	11	0	1	0	12
Burglary	3	0	7	0	10
Larceny	3	25	2	39	69
Vehicle Theft	4	1	9	0	14
Assault, Fourth	0	58	0	13	71
Arson	0	0	0	1	1
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	0	0	1
Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	2	1	0	0	3
Vandalism	0	13	1	8	22
Weapons Violations	3	3	2	2	10
Prostitution - Vice	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense (No Rape)	2	1	0	0	3
Narcotics/Drug Violation	20	2	0	1	23
Marijuana	0	13	0	2	15
Gambling, Other	0	0	0	0	0
DWI	0	37	0	1	38
Liquor Violation	0	7	0	22	29
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	0	1	2
Other (except Traffic)	17	64	0	16	97
Traffic	5	75	3	6	89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>515</b>

### NOTE:

Charges include all adults and juveniles booked, cited and charged in absentia. Charges do not include persons that are booked on warrants each quarter.

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## Traffic Enforcement Activity

Violation	Patrol	Special Operations	TOTAL
Abandoned Vehicle	58	4	62
Accident, Injury	46	27	73
Accident, Non-injury	81	0	81
Accident, Fatal	0	0	0
D.U.I.	37	0	37
Physical Control	1	0	1
Hit & Run, Occupied Non-injury	15	0	15
Hit & Run, Unoccupied	35	0	35
Hit & Run, Injury	7	0	7
Incident, NSC (Other than accident)	0	0	0
Motorcycle Complaint	1	0	1
Negligent Driving	9	0	9
Other Moving Violation	172	129	301
Defective Equipment	26	0	26
Other Non-moving Violation	19	86	105
Off Road Vehicle/ATV Violation	1	0	1
Parking Violation	27	160	187
Pedestrian/Bicycle Violation	1	0	1
Reckless Driving	4	0	4
Speeding (Pace)	23	0	23
Speeding (Radar)	145	441	586
Traffic Complaint Investigation	51	34	85
Attempting to Elude (Felony Flight)	6	0	6
Control (Other than Fire)	0	0	0
Driving While License Revoked/Suspended	135	0	135
Operator's License Violations, Other	18	0	18
Seatbelt Violation	3	0	3
Vehicle License Violations	88	0	88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>1,890</b>

## Summary of Traffic Activity

	2003	2002	Percent Change
DUI	37	29	27.6%
Moving/Hazardous	1,320	1,074	22.9%
Non-moving/Compliances	533	515	3.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>1,618</b>	<b>16.8%</b>

## Traffic Accident Investigations

	2003	2002	Percent Change
Accident, Injury	73	56	30.4%
Accident, Non-injury	81	58	39.7%
Accident, Fatal	0	0	N/A
Hit & Run, Occupied, Non-injury	15	7	114.3%
Hit & Run, Unoccupied	35	27	29.6%
Hit & Run, Injury	7	6	16.7%

	2003	2002	Percent Change
Traffic Complaint Investigations	85	34	150.0%

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### SPECIAL OPERATIONS

#### Air Support Unit (Helicopter) Activity

	2002	2003	Percent Change
Number of Details	7	14	100.0%
Patrol (Flight) Hours	9.00	4.00	-55.6%

#### K-9 Unit Activity

	2002	2003	Percent Change
K-9 Used on Calls	5	24	380.0%
Time Spent (Hours)	16.25	79.50	389.2%

#### Hostage Negotiations Team Activity

	2002	2003	Percent Change
Hostage and Barricade Incidents	0	1	N/A

#### Bomb Disposal Unit Activity

	2002	2003	Percent Change
Responses	0	4	N/A
Follow-ups	0	3	N/A

#### TAC-30 Unit Activity

	2002	2003	Percent Change
Callouts	0	2	N/A

#### Department Ceremonial Unit Activity

	2002	2003	Percent Change
Callouts	0	0	N/A

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## Major and Special Investigations Section

### Assault Offenses

	2002	2003	Percent Change
Assault, Aggravated	8	7	-12.5%
Assault, Cutting	4	4	0.0%
Assault, Handgun	0	1	N/A
Assault, Handgun (Driveby)	0	0	N/A
Assault, Long gun	0	0	N/A
Assault, Long gun (Driveby)	0	0	N/A
Assault, Other Firearm	2	0	-100.0%
Assault, Other Firearm (Driveby)	0	0	N/A
Assault, Unknown Firearm	0	0	N/A
Assault, Unknown Firearm (Driveby)	0	0	N/A
Assault, ODW	3	6	100.0%
Assault, Simple	78	85	9.0%

### Fraud Offenses

	2002	2003	Percent Change
Embezzlement	0	1	N/A
Extortion	1	0	-100.0%
Fraud, All other	48	51	6.3%
Fraud, UICD	6	2	-66.7%
Forgery Document	2	8	300.0%
Forgery Checks	16	12	-25.0%
Forgery Credit Cards	3	3	0.0%
Computer Investigations	0	6	N/A
Consumer Fraud	0	0	N/A

### Special Assault Offenses

	2002	2003	Percent Change
Rape	6	4	-33.3%
Child Rape	2	1	-50.0%
Attempted Rape	0	1	N/A
Child Molestation	2	2	0.0%
Child Porn	1	0	-100.0%
Incest	0	0	N/A
Indecent Exposure	0	2	N/A
Indecent Liberties	2	3	50.0%
Sex Offense, NSC	1	2	100.0%
Sexual Offender Registration	0	0	N/A
Sexual Offender Registration Violations	0	0	N/A
Sexual Offender Verification	2	0	-100.0%

### Family/Juvenile Offenses

	2002	2003	Percent Change
Child Abuse	2	5	150.0%
Child Neglect	5	3	-40.0%
Disturbance, Family	27	37	37.0%
Juvenile Disturbance	5	2	-60.0%
Juvenile Runaway	91	65	-28.6%
Custodial Interference	11	8	-27.3%
Elderly or Dependent Abuse	0	0	N/A
Elderly or Dependent Neglect	0	0	N/A

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